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SUBJECT: UZBEKISTAN: AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

¶A. 09 STATE 34118
¶B. 08 TASHKENT 1277

11. (U) In response to ref A, Post has neither observed nor received any information concerning discrimination against U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in airport construction projects funded by the Government of Uzbekistan (GOU). Post is not aware of any instances in which fair market opportunities have been denied to U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in airport construction projects of 500,000 USD or more funded in whole or in part by the GOU. On the contrary, Uzbekistan has been highly receptive to U.S. goods and services in the aviation sector as witnessed, for example, by the recent sale of four Boeing 767 aircraft to Uzbekistan Airways (ref B), and the use of Honeywell auxiliary power units in Ilyushin passenger aircraft built by the Tashkent Aircraft Corporation.